

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
MACHINES CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.; and  
ZILLOW, INC.,

Defendants.

C20-851 TSZ

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
MACHINES CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.; and  
ZILLOW, INC.,

Defendants.

C20-1130 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) Having reviewed the parties' Joint Status Reports, docket nos. 173 and 181 in Case No. C20-851, and the records in both pending matters, the Court ORDERS as follows:

(a) The stay of Case No. C20-1130, which was imposed by Minute Order entered December 23, 2020, is LIFTED, except that proceedings involving United States Patent No. 7,543,234 ("the '234 Patent") remain stayed pending a

1 decision by the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and  
 2 Appeal Board ("PTAB") on the inter partes review ("IPR") petition filed by  
 3 defendants Zillow Group, Inc. and Zillow, Inc. (collectively, "Zillow") on July 23,  
 4 2021. The parties are DIRECTED to file a Joint Status Report within seven (7)  
 5 days after the PTAB issues a final decision in the IPR proceedings involving  
 6 United States Patent Nos. 7,076,443 or 8,315,904, as to which related claims in  
 7 Case No. C20-851 are stayed, or a ruling concerning the IPR petition involving the  
 '234 Patent. The parties shall refrain from filing unilateral status reports, notices,  
 or supplemental materials regarding PTAB matters or actions in other districts<sup>1</sup>  
 involving one or more of the patents at issue in this litigation; if the parties cannot  
 agree on the status or relevance of rulings in other proceedings, they shall set forth  
 their respective views in a single document submitted jointly.

8 (b) Plaintiff International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") is  
 9 DIRECTED to file, on or before October 29, 2021, infringement contentions as to  
 10 all patents-in-suit in Case No. C20-1130 including the '234 Patent. Zillow is  
 11 DIRECTED to file, on or before November 19, 2021, invalidity and non-  
 12 infringement contentions as to all patents-in-suit in Case No. C20-1130 other than  
 13 the '234 Patent.

14 (c) With respect to the patents-in-suit in Case No. C20-1130 other than  
 15 the '234 Patent, any motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12  
 16 challenging their validity (patentability) under Section 101 of the Patent Act,  
 17 35 U.S.C. § 101, and *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank Int'l*, 573 U.S. 208 (2014), or its  
 18 progeny, shall be filed on or before December 16, 2021, and noted for January 28,  
 19 2021. Any response to such motion shall be filed on or before January 20, 2021,  
 20 and any reply shall be filed by the noting date.

21 (2) The Court declines to set a trial date or related deadlines at this time. The  
 22 Court appreciates counsel's efforts to propose a briefing schedule for claim construction  
 23 and dispositive motion practice, but given the parties' dispute concerning the sequence of

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<sup>1</sup> The Court is aware of the ongoing case in the Southern District of New York captioned *Chewy, Inc. v. Int'l Bus. Machs. Corp.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-1319-JSR. Zillow has filed three separate notices, docket nos. 174, 176, & 177 in Case No. C20-851, concerning scheduling and other non-dispositive docket entries in the *Chewy* case, but none of them reflect the current date set for the claim construction hearing, *i.e.*, October 8, 2021. *See* 6th Am. Revised Civil Case Mgmt. Plan (S.D.N.Y. Case No. 1:21-cv-1319-JSR, docket no. 79). In the event that a claim construction order or a dispositive ruling is issued in the *Chewy* case, the parties shall file an appropriate Joint Status Report; another district's case management plans, which are subject to change, and other interim materials are not, however, of much benefit to the Court, and they clutter up the docket unnecessarily.

1 infringement contentions in Case No. C20-1130 and discovery in Case No. C20-851, the  
2 Court concludes that a scheduling order should not be entered until after it rules on any  
3 Rule 12 - § 101 motion in Case No. C20-1130. Zillow's request, docket no. 181, to  
4 modify the Amended Stipulated Protective Order, docket no. 134 (as altered by Minute  
5 Order, docket no. 133), is DENIED as moot.

6 (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of  
7 record.

8 Dated this 6th day of October, 2021.

9 Ravi Subramanian  
10 Clerk

11 s/Gail Glass  
12 Deputy Clerk